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JAPANESE AND SOVIET PRODUCTS

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1. ANY BOYCOTT OF SOVIET PRODUCTS BY MEMBERS OF US NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION WOULD SCARCELY BE INFLUENTIAL IN ENCOURAGING SOVIETS TO REEVALUATE THEIR POSITION ON COMMERCIAL WHALING, BECAUSE NUMBER OF SOVIET PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN US CONSUMER MARKET IS SMALL AND BOYCOTT WOULD HAVE NO DISCERNIBLE ECONOMIC IMPACT. ON OTHER HAND, IF BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOODS HAS SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON JAPANESE POSITION AT IWC MEETING, TO POINT OF REVISING THEIR CATCH QUOTA DEMANDS DOWNWARD, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT SOVIETS WOULD FEEL INCREASED PRESSURE AS WELL, BECAUSE SOVIETS WOULD BECOME ISOLATED IN A POSITION IN WHICH THEY PROBABLY NOW TAKE COMFORT IN HAVING JAPAN AS BED PARTNER.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO FEEDBACK FROM SOVIET CONTACTS ON THIS ISSUE.
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